

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please substitute the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

~~In an~~An ink-jet printer system ~~including~~includes an ink-jet printer and a multiple number of host ~~PCs, the machines.~~ The ink-jet printer has a storage portion for holding the completion time of the last printing operation while each host ~~PC-machine~~ has a controller ~~comprised of~~having an inactive time computing portion which computes the inactive time of printing operation of the ink-jet printer. This is done by comparing the completion time of the last printing operation held in the storage portion with the current time when a printing operation starts and a recovery treatment controller for controlling the execution of a recovery treatment of the ink-jet printer in accordance with the inactive time of ink-jet printer. ~~This configuration makes it possible to know the exact time when the ink-jet printer was used last and hence the exact inactive time, whereby it is possible to maintain the ink-jet printer with the least number of recovery treatments and hence reduce the time required for the recovery treatments and consumption of ink.~~